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TITLE OF PROGRAMMABLE SELF-OPERATING COMPACT DISK DUPLICATION SYSTEM  
INVENTION

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
09/152,815

Applicant(s)  
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Examiner  
Huber, Paul W.

Group Art Unit  
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-39.

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☒ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 2

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

PAUL W. HUBER  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 12, line 8; --in--was ~~inserted~~ between "CD-R disks" and "at least two".

The claim was amended in order to clarify the claim language.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record considered as a whole fails to teach or suggest a compact disk recording system for the duplication of data onto CD-R disks, the system including: lifting means for engaging and transporting a CD-R disk in a vertical direction; a set of multiple stacked recordable disk drives; rotating transport means for transporting a CD-R disk in a horizontal plane while the CD-R disk is engaged by the lifting means; and disk stacking means for holding CD-R disks in at least two stacks. The prior art also fails to teach or suggest a compact disk recording system including a transport tower with a vertical axis, a positioning arm connected to the transport tower, the positioning arm having a disk pickup mechanism positioned on the arm displaced from the central vertical axis of the transport tower, a pivot mechanism operably connected to the transport tower

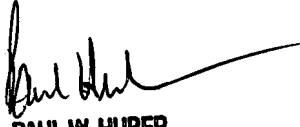
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and positioning arm wherein the disk pickup mechanism is moveable in a radial arc about the vertical axis of the transport tower, and a displacement mechanism operably connected to the positioning arm and transport tower wherein the positioning arm is vertically displaceable along a path adjacent to the vertical axis of the transport tower and vertically positionable at any selected position on the path.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul W. Huber whose telephone number is (703) 308-1549.

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June 16, 2000



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